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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re prior application of:  
Application No.: 09/980,981  
Filed: October 18, 2001  
For: Self-Aligning Mechanical Pointer

Group No.: 3671  
Examiner: Addie, Raymond W.

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

REQUEST FOR CONVERSION

1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

2. This request is being submitted

Prior to abandonment of the application  
 Payment of the issue fee  
 Prior to payment of issue fee  
 Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been granted  
 Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences  
 Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145 or  
 Commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146  
 Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil action  
 Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been terminated

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CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.8(a) and 1.10

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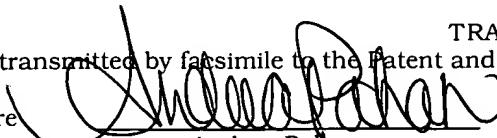
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## ENCLOSURES

3. Enclosed herewith is/are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. § 1.98)  
 Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)  
 An amendment  
 New arguments  
 New evidence in support of patentability  
 Other:

## FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)).

4. This application is on behalf of:

Small entity (and status is still as small entity)..... \$385.00  
 Other than a small entity..... \$770.00

## FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. § 1.16 (b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below.

Number filed	Number extra	Rate	Basic Fee
			\$770.00
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(c))	- 20	=	\$18.00
Independent Claims (37 CFR 1.16 (b))	- 3	=	\$86.00
Multiple dependent claim(s), if any (37 CFR 1.16(d))	+ 	=	\$290.00
			\$ 0

No additional fee is required.

OR

Total additional fee required is \$\_\_\_\_\_

## EXTENSION OF TIME

6. The proceedings therein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply

(a)  Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 420.00	\$210.00
<input type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00

Fee: \$\_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.  
(check and complete the next item, if applicable.)

An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.  
Extension fee due with this request: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

#### TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee(s) for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
Extention of time fee (if any) (§ 1.17(a)(1)-(4))	\$
Total Fee(s) Due	\$

#### PAYMENT OF FEES DUE

8.  Check in the amount of \$  
 Charge Account No. 07/1775 in the amount of \$770.00  
A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.  
 Charge Credit Card the sum of \$  
(Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fee(s) for § 1.17(e), § 1.16(b)-(d) and/or § 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to  
 Account 07/1775  
 Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

#### INVENTORSHIP

9. This application as amended names as inventors:

the same inventors as previously designated for the claims  
 fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.  
 a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately:  being filed  been filed

#### DEFERRAL OF EXAMINATION

10.  A request for deferral of examination accompanies this request for continued examination.

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 3 of this paper.

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